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Distribution of Government poramboke lands to the landless Government officials.

* 835 *Q.*—SRI A. GOVINDASAMI NAYAGAR (on behalf of Sri K. R. Sambandam): Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to distribute Government poramboke lands to the landless Government officials; and

(*b*) if so, how many acres per head will be given?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—
"(*a*) No, Sir.

"(*b*) Does not arise."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY:—"May I know why a discrimination should be made in the case of Government servants who are landless?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—
"There is no discrimination. Even Government servants are entitled to this benefit provided it does not interfere with the rules regulating their service."

Implementation of the award of the Textile Tripartite Enquiry Committee by the Palar Mills, Limited, Walajabad, Chingleput.

* 836 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the management of the Palar Mills, Limited, Walajabad, Chingleput district, have implemented the interim award on dearness allowance recommended by the Textile Tripartite Enquiry Committee and communicated in G.O. Ms. No. 3040, Development, dated 16th July 1952, to the management; and

(*b*) if not, the steps the Government propose to take or have taken to see that the management implement the award?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM:—"(*a*) & (*b*) The interim recommendation of the Tripartite Textile Enquiry Committee was not commended to the Palar Mills, Limited, Walajabad, in view of its financial position."

Report of the Rathnasabhapathi Mudaliar Committee on Municipal Administration.

* 837 *Q.*—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar): Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received the report of the Rathnasabhapathi Mudaliar Committee on Municipal Administration; and

(*b*) if so, when, and the action taken thereon?

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THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASWAMI PADAYACHI :—" (a) Yes, Sir.

" (b) The report was received on the 10th August 1950. The recommendations contained in it have been examined after obtaining the remarks of the Heads of the Departments concerned and decisions thereon will be taken shortly."

Grievances of the Highways Maistris.

* 838 Q.—SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM (on behalf of Sri D. Krishnamurthy Gounder): Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) what action has been taken by the Government on the memorandum of grievances presented by the Madras Provincial Highways Maistris' Association, to the Hon. the Minister for Public Works on the 30th July 1951;

(b) why the Government changed the designation of the Road Maistris into Road Inspectors;

(c) whether their status in service and scale of pay have been raised by such change; and

(d) whether their services have been regularized?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (a) The grievances were examined by the Government and a reply was sent to the Association in June 1953.

" (b) The designation has not been changed.

" (c) Does not arise.

" (d) No. The question is under examination."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" May I know the reply that was sent to the Association? " 8-50 p.m.

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" I have not got the substance of the reply now. I think I have answered some time back in reply to another question that their grievances will be looked into."

Reserved forests taken over by the Government as a result of the merger of Pudukkottai State.

* 839 Q.—SRI R. M. PALANIAPPAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state the number of reserved forests taken over by the Government consequent on the merger of Pudukkottai State?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Ten Reserved Forests have been taken over by the Forest Department consequent on the merger of Pudukkottai State."